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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, said period of response being extended from July 21, 2004 to August 21, 2004.

Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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